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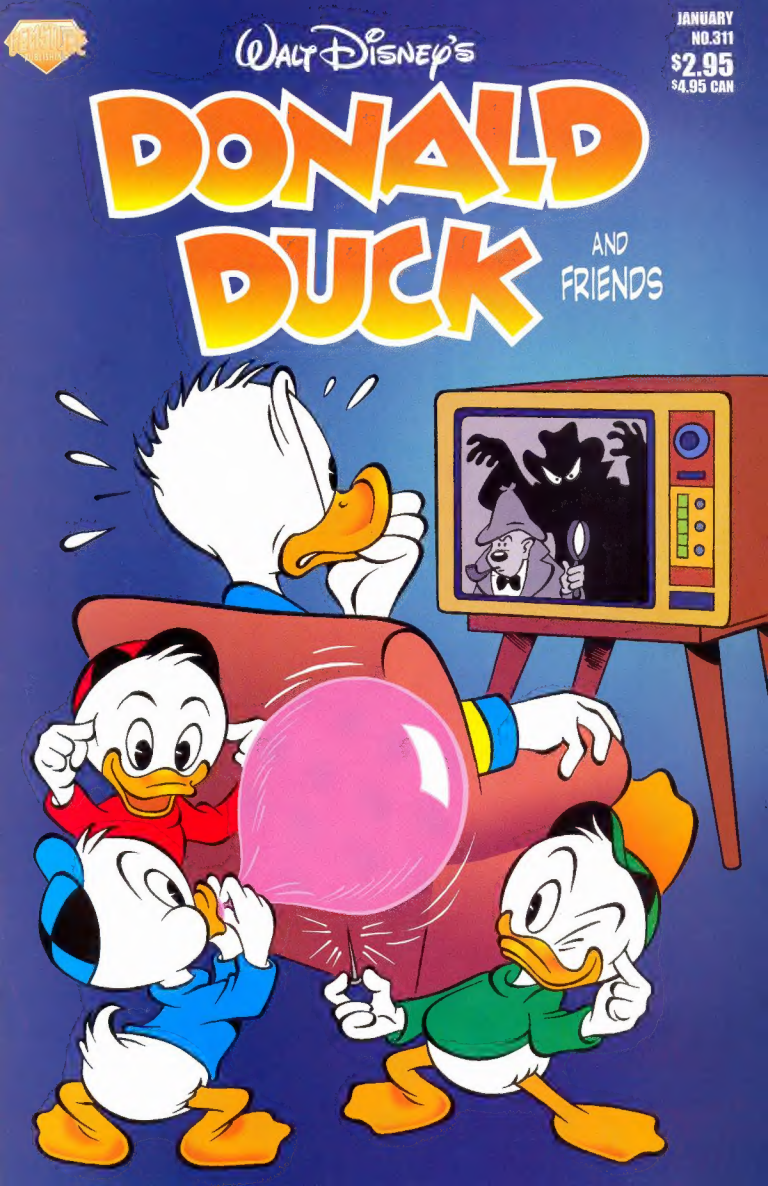

DONALD DUCK AND FRIENDS

By the time you hold this issue in your hands, the holiday season will be under a full head of steam and hopefully Donald and Mickey's escapades will lend to your seasonal good cheer. Mickey's entry this time takes him back to the fabulous land of Shambor in the first part of Pat and Carol McGreal's second installment in this swashbuckling saga. The McGreal's have thus far writen three Shambor epics, with the promise of more to come and our intention is to present them all, in serialized form, in the pages of *Donald Duck and Friends*. I think it's adventurous good fun in the same vein as the legendary adventures of Sinbad and Hercules, but I want you to tell me. What do you think of Shambor? Are you anxious to see more? When the series is done, what about seeing the stories collected in graphic novel format? Write or email us and let me know your thoughts.

On a separate note, I'll take this opportunity to plug our other product and let you know that it's not too late to pick up your copy of **Christmas Parade** 1. It features the classic Carl Barks story "Letter to Santa," as well as vintage Mickey Mouse and Chip 'n' Dale stories, along with three modern entries featuring Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, and Grandma Duck. If you're still looking for that last-minute holiday gift or stocking stuffer, or if you just want to give yourself a holiday treat, check it out. I think you'll be happy you did.

— John Clark

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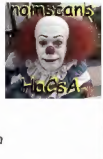

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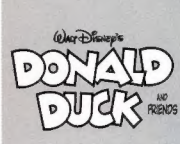

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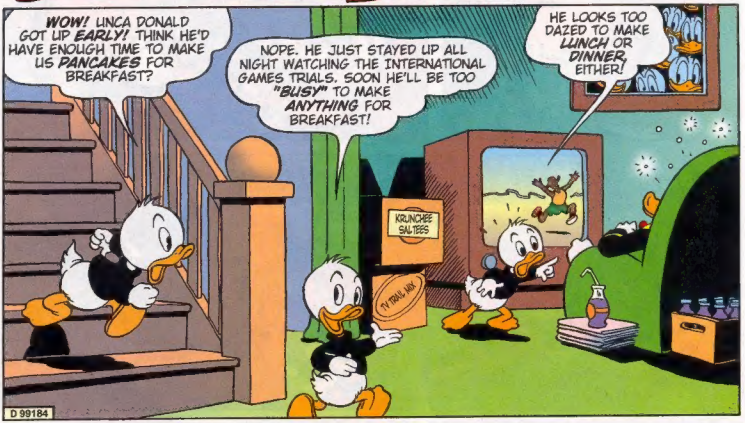
WOW! LINCA DONALD GOT UP EARLY! THINK HE'D HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO MAKE US PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST?
NOPE. HE JUST STAYED UP ALL NIGHT WATCHING THE INTERNATIONAL GAMES TRIALS. SOON HE'LL BE TOO "BUSY" TO MAKE ANYTHING FOR BREAKFAST!
HE LOOKS TOO DAZED TO MAKE LUNCH OR DINNER, EITHER!
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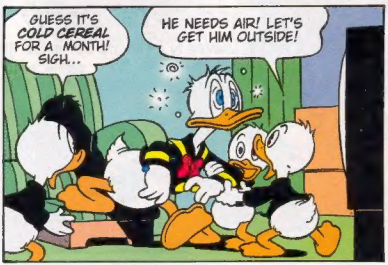
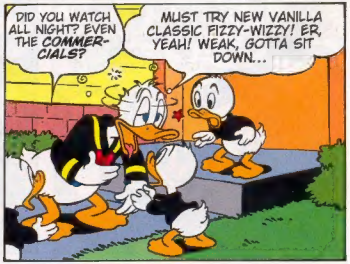
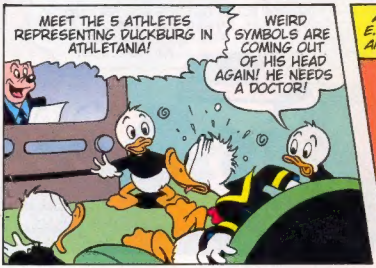
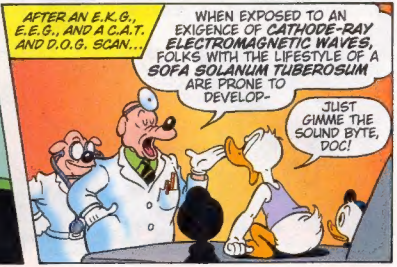
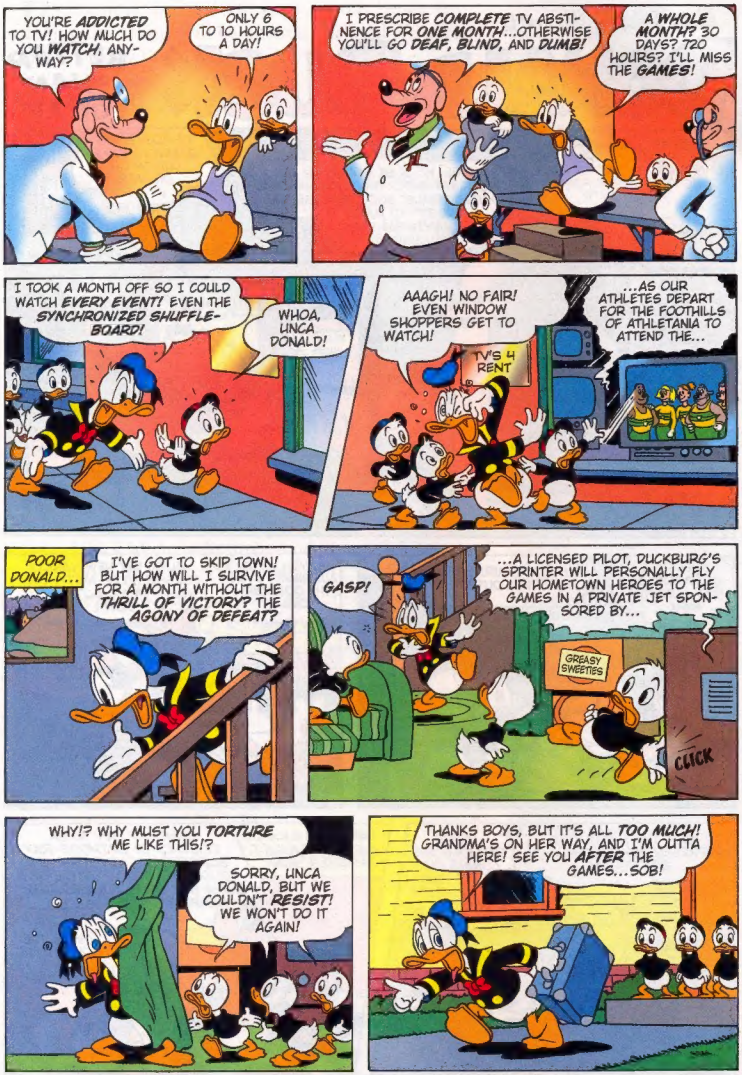


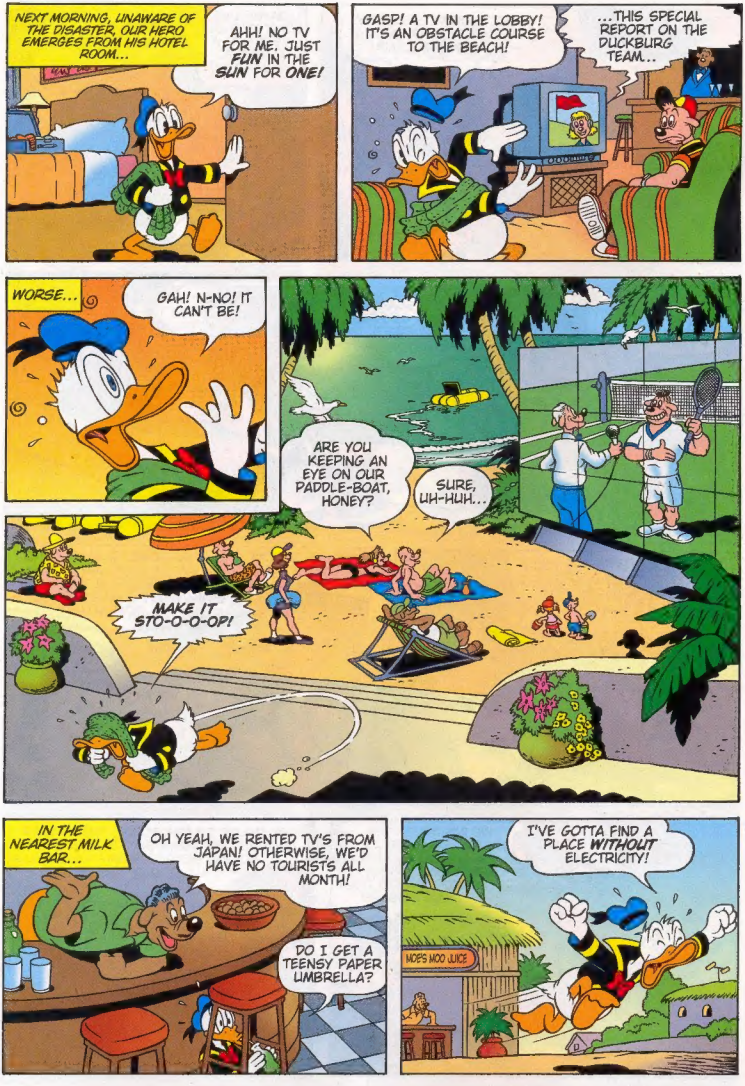


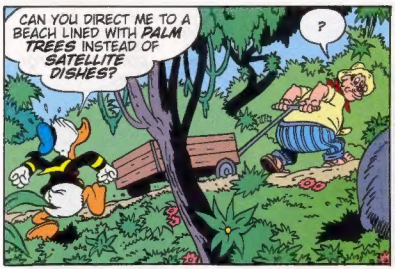

MEET THE 5 ATHLETES REPRESENTING DUCKBURG IN ATHLETANIA!
WEIRD SYMBOLS ARE COMING OUT OF HIS HEAD AGAIN! HE NEEDS A DOCTOR!


AFTER AN E.K.G., E.E.G., AND A C.A.T. AND D.O.G. SCAN...
WHEN EXPOSED TO AN EXIGENCE OF CATHODE-RAY ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES, FOLKS WITH THE LIFESTYLE OF A SOFA SOLANUM TUBEROSUM ARE PRONE TO DEVELOP-
JUST GIMME THE SOUND BYTE, DOC!


YOU'RE ADDICTED TO TV! HOW MUCH DO YOU WATCH, ANYWAY?
ONLY 6 TO 10 HOURS A DAY!
I PRESCRIBE COMPLETE TV ABSTINENCE FOR ONE MONTH...OTHERWISE YOU'LL GO DEAF, BLIND, AND DUMB!
A WHOLE MONTH? 30 DAYS? 720 HOURS? I'LL MISS THE GAMES!
I TOOK A MONTH OFF SO I COULD WATCH EVERY EVENT! EVEN THE SYNCHRONIZED SHUFFLEBOARD!
WHOA, LINCA DONALD!
AAAGH! NO FAIR! EVEN WINDOW SHOPPERS GET TO WATCH!
TV'S 4 RENT
...AS OUR ATHLETES DEPART FOR THE FOOTHILLS OF ATHLETANIA TO ATTEND THE...
POOR DONALD...
I'VE GOT TO SKIP TOWN! BUT HOW WILL I SURVIVE FOR A MONTH WITHOUT THE THRILL OF VICTORY? THE AGONY OF DEFEAT?
GASP!
...A LICENSED PILOT, DUCKBURG'S SPRINTER WILL PERSONALLY FLY OUR HOMETOWN HEROES TO THE GAMES IN A PRIVATE JET SPONSORED BY...
GREASY SWEETIES
CLICK
WHY!? WHY MUST YOU TORTURE ME LIKE THIS!?
SORRY, LINCA DONALD, BUT WE COULDN'T RESIST! WE WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
THANKS BOYS, BUT IT'S ALL TOO MUCH! GRANDMA'S ON HER WAY, AND I'M OUTTA HERE! SEE YOU AFTER THE GAMES...SOB!

WISH I HADN'T SPENT MY VACATION FUND ON THAT NEW ARMCHAIR!
MAYBE I'VE GOT ENOUGH LEFT FOR A FLIGHT TO ATHLETANIA!
PYRAMID TRAVEL
SORRY, PAL! EVERY FLIGHT'S OVERBOOKED, AND THE ONLY EMPTY MOTELS ARE FOR ANTS.
AND I BET TICKETS TO THE GAMES ARE SCARCER THAN ONE-LEGGED HURDLERS!
GETAWAYS A GO-GO
GONE HOME TO WATCH TV
NORMALLY, THAT'D NET YOU A WEEKEND AT THE GOOSEVILLE DEMOLITION DERBY, BUS RIDE INCLUDED!
CLUNK TUNK
EVERYONE'S STAYING HOME TO WATCH THE GAMES ON TV, SO TRIPS ARE A STEAL! HOW ABOUT A MONTH IN THE SUNNY BLAHAMAS? A FLIGHT DEPARTS TONIGHT!
PERFECT!
JUST AS DONALD'S PLANE IS TAKING OFF...
WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR AN EMERGENCY BULLETIN! THE PLANE CARRYING DUCKBURG'S GAMES TEAM HAS GONE MISSING!
EN ROUTE TO ATHLETANIA, THEIR PLANE WAS FORCED DOWN BY TROPICAL STORM SUSAN! SEARCH TEAMS HAVE FOUND NO SIGN OF THE CRAFT!


NEXT MORNING, UNAWARE OF THE DISASTER, OUR HERO EMERGES FROM HIS HOTEL ROOM...
AHH! NO TV FOR ME. JUST FUN IN THE SUN FOR ONE!
GASP! A TV IN THE LOBBY! IT'S AN OBSTACLE COURSE TO THE BEACH!
...THIS SPECIAL REPORT ON THE DUCKBURG TEAM...
WORSE...
GAH! N-NO! IT CAN'T BE!
ARE YOU KEEPING AN EYE ON OUR PADDLE-BOAT, HONEY?
SURE, UH-HUH...
MAKE IT STO-O-O-OP!
IN THE NEAREST MILK BAR...
OH YEAH, WE RENTED TV'S FROM JAPAN! OTHERWISE, WE'D HAVE NO TOURISTS ALL MONTH!
DO I GET A TEENSY PAPER UMBRELLA?
I'VE GOTTA FIND A PLACE WITHOUT ELECTRICITY!
MOE'S MOO JUICE


CAN YOU DIRECT ME TO A BEACH LINED WITH PALM TREES INSTEAD OF SATELLITE DISHES?
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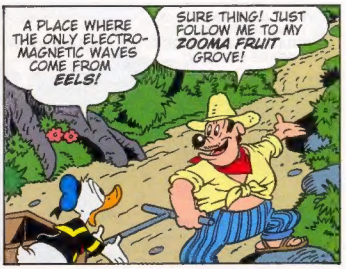
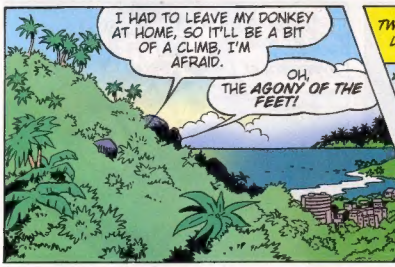
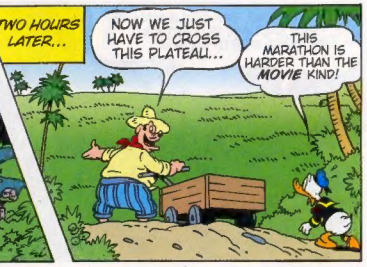
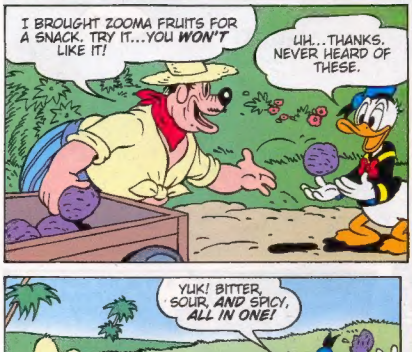
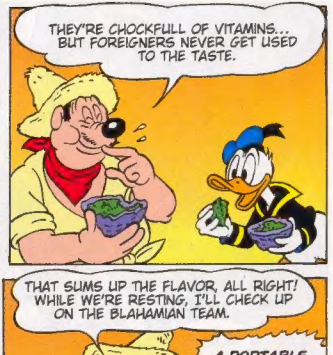
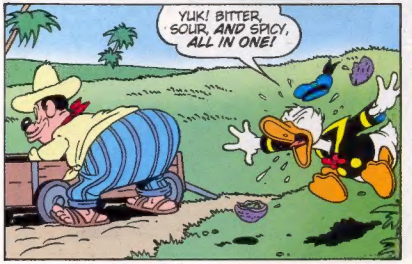

A PLACE WHERE THE ONLY ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVES COME FROM EELS!
SURE THING! JUST FOLLOW ME TO MY ZOOMA FRUIT GROVE!

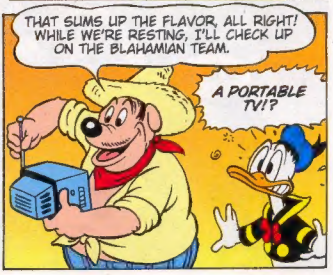

I HAD TO LEAVE MY DONKEY AT HOME, SO IT'LL BE A BIT OF A CLIMB, I'M AFRAID.
OH, THE AGONY OF THE FEET!

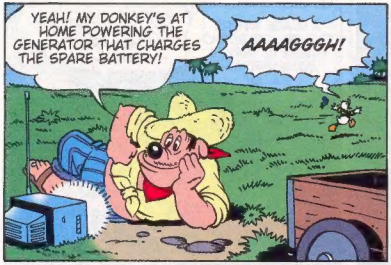

TWO HOURS LATER...
NOW WE JUST HAVE TO CROSS THIS PLATEAU...
THIS MARATHON IS HARDER THAN THE MOVIE KIND!

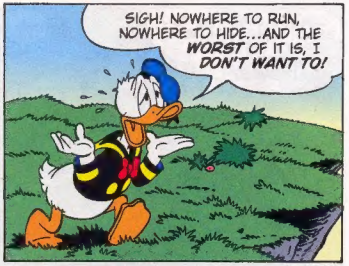

I BROUGHT ZOOMA FRUITS FOR A SNACK. TRY IT...YOU WON'T LIKE IT!
UH...THANKS. NEVER HEARD OF THESE.

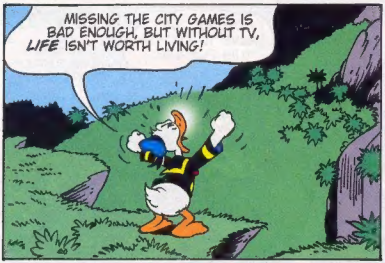

THEY'RE CHOCKFULL OF VITAMINS... BUT FOREIGNERS NEVER GET USED TO THE TASTE.

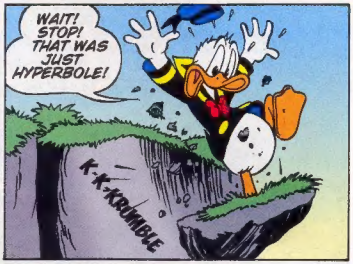

YUK! BITTER, SOUR, AND SPICY, ALL IN ONE!

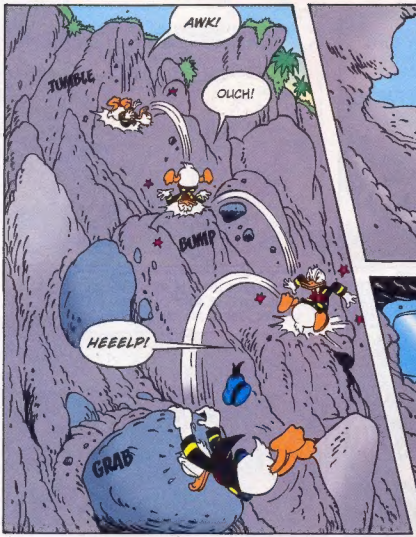

THAT SUMS UP THE FLAVOR, ALL RIGHT! WHILE WE'RE RESTING, I'LL CHECK UP ON THE BLAHAMIAN TEAM.
A PORTABLE TV!?


YEAH! MY DONKEY'S AT HOME POWERING THE GENERATOR THAT CHARGES THE SPARE BATTERY!
AAAAGGGH!


SIGH! NOWHERE TO RUN, NOWHERE TO HIDE...AND THE WORST OF IT IS, I DON'T WANT TO!


MISSING THE CITY GAMES IS BAD ENOUGH, BUT WITHOUT TV, LIFE ISN'T WORTH LIVING!


WAIT! STOP! THAT WAS JUST HYPERBOLE!
K-K-KRUMBLE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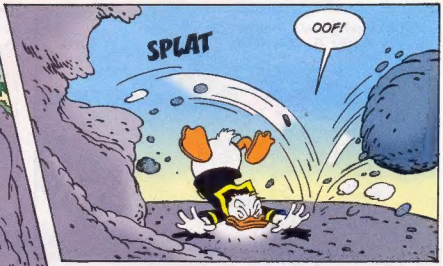
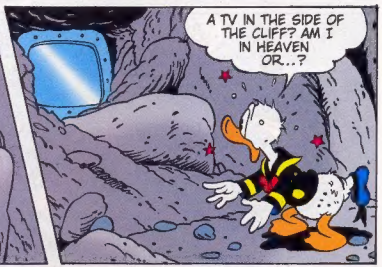
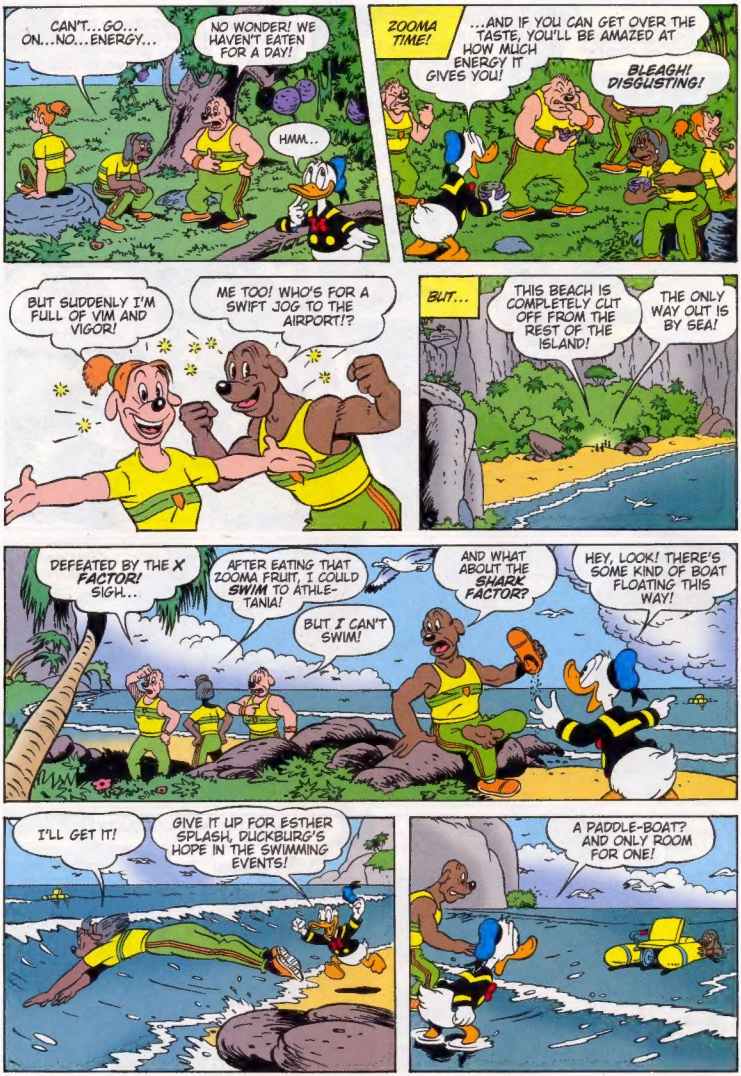
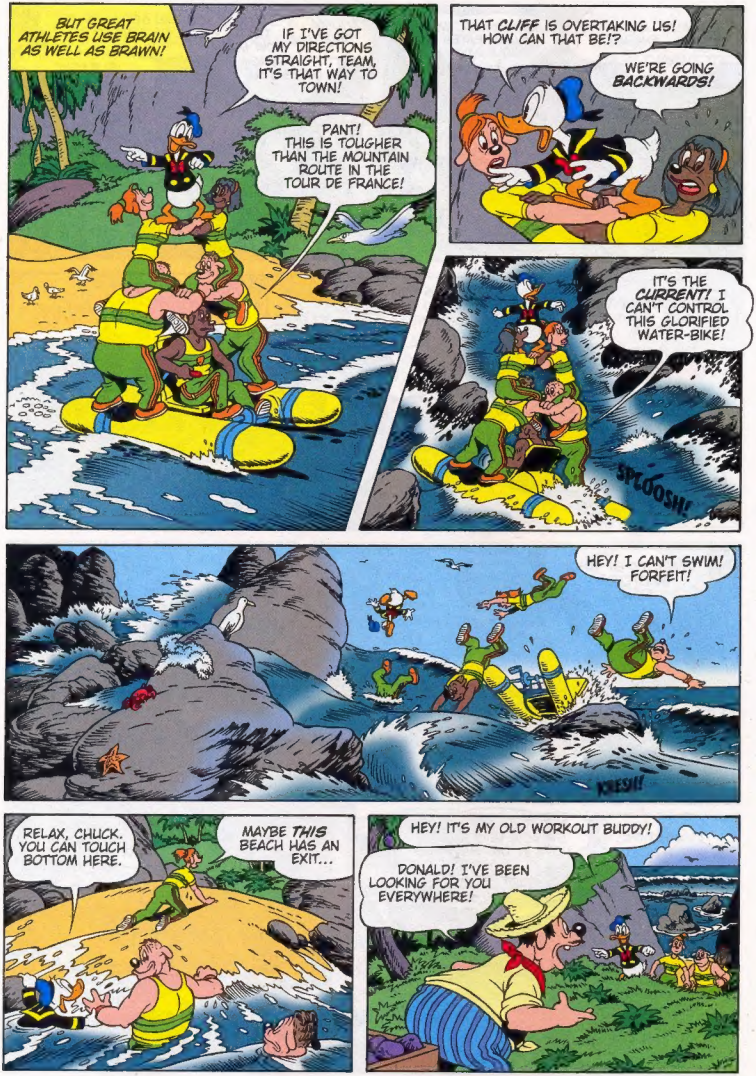
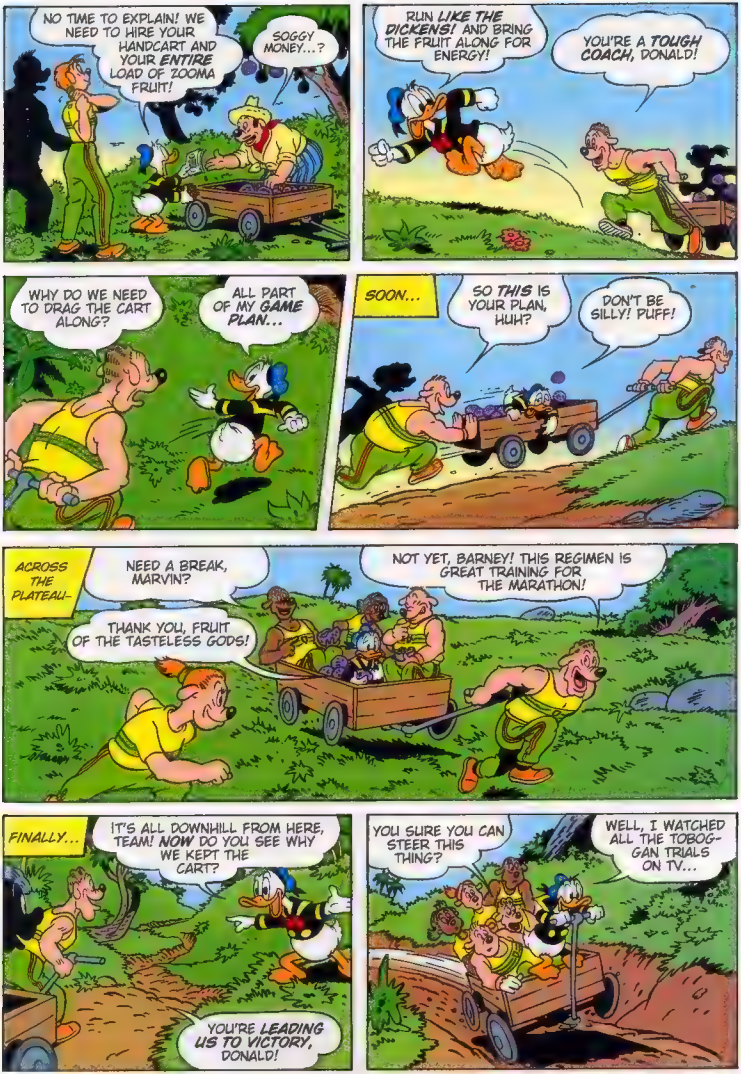
JUMBLE
OUCH!
BUMP
HEEELP!
GRAB


SPLAT
OOF!

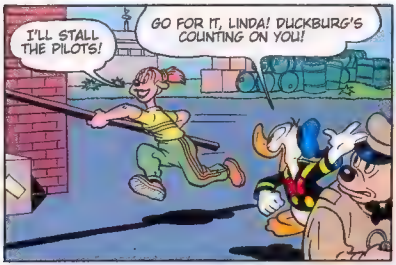

A TV IN THE SIDE OF THE CLIFF? AM I IN HEAVEN OR...?

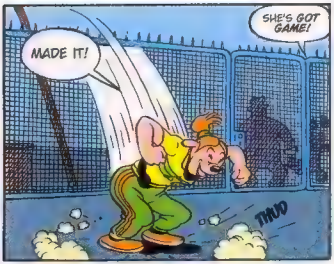

CAN'T...GO... ON...NO...ENERGY...
NO WONDER! WE HAVEN'T EATEN FOR A DAY!
HMM...
ZOOMA TIME!
...AND IF YOU CAN GET OVER THE TASTE, YOU'LL BE AMAZED AT HOW MUCH ENERGY IT GIVES YOU!
BLEAGH! DISGUSTING!
BUT SUDDENLY I'M FULL OF VIM AND VIGOR!
ME TOO! WHO'S FOR A SWIFT JOG TO THE AIRPORT!?
BUT...
THIS BEACH IS COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF THE ISLAND!
THE ONLY WAY OUT IS BY SEA!
DEFEATED BY THE X FACTOR! SIGH...
AFTER EATING THAT ZOOMA FRUIT, I COULD SWIM TO ATHLE-TANIA!
BUT I CAN'T SWIM!
AND WHAT ABOUT THE SHARK FACTOR?
HEY, LOOK! THERE'S SOME KIND OF BOAT FLOATING THIS WAY!
I'LL GET IT!
GIVE IT UP FOR ESTHER SPLASH, DUCKBURG'S HOPE IN THE SWIMMING EVENTS!
A PADDLE-BOAT? AND ONLY ROOM FOR ONE!

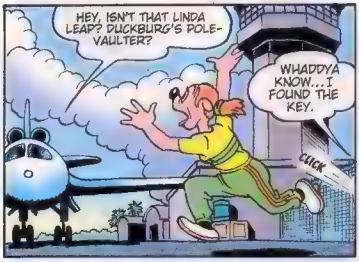

BUT GREAT ATHLETES USE BRAIN AS WELL AS BRAWN!
IF I'VE GOT MY DIRECTIONS STRAIGHT, TEAM, IT'S THAT WAY TO TOWN!
PANT! THIS IS TOUGHER THAN THE MOUNTAIN ROUTE IN THE TOUR DE FRANCE!
THAT CLIFF IS OVERTAKING US! HOW CAN THAT BE!?
WE'RE GOING BACKWARDS!
IT'S THE CURRENT! I CAN'T CONTROL THIS GLORIFIED WATER-BIKE!
SPLOOSH!
HEY! I CAN'T SWIM! FORFEIT!
KRESH!
RELAX, CHUCK. YOU CAN TOUCH BOTTOM HERE.
MAYBE THIS BEACH HAS AN EXIT...
HEY! IT'S MY OLD WORKOUT BUDDY!
DONALD! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU EVERYWHERE!

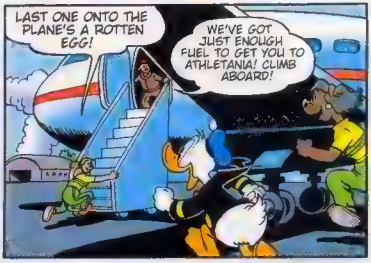

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN! WE NEED TO HIRE YOUR HANDCART AND YOUR ENTIRE LOAD OF ZOOMA FRUIT!
SOGGY MONEY...?
RUN LIKE THE DICKENS! AND BRING THE FRUIT ALONG FOR ENERGY!
YOU'RE A TOUGH COACH, DONALD!
WHY DO WE NEED TO DRAG THE CART ALONG?
ALL PART OF MY GAME PLAN...
SOON...
SO THIS IS YOUR PLAN, HUH?
DON'T BE SILLY! PUFF!
ACROSS THE PLATEAU-
NEED A BREAK, MARVIN?
NOT YET, BARNEY! THIS REGIMEN IS GREAT TRAINING FOR THE MARATHON!
THANK YOU, FRUIT OF THE TASTELESS GODS!
FINALLY...
IT'S ALL DOWNHILL FROM HERE, TEAM! NOW DO YOU SEE WHY WE KEPT THE CART?
YOU'RE LEADING US TO VICTORY, DONALD!
YOU SURE YOU CAN STEER THIS THING?
WELL, I WATCHED ALL THE TOBOGGAN TRIALS ON TV...

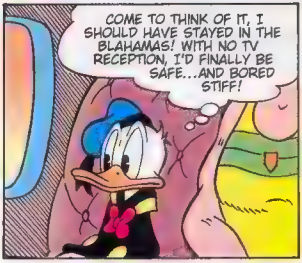
HANG IN THERE, CHUCK! WE'RE IN THE HOME STRETCH! I HOPE!
URP! I THINK I'M GETTING CART-SICK!
FULL SPEED INTO TOWN!
THAT'S STRANGE! THERE WERE TOURISTS HERE THIS MORNING!
WHERE ARE OUR ADORING FANS?
AIRPORT COMING UP! BRACE YOURSELVES!
HEY, PAL! WE NEED A PLANE, AND FAST!
IMPOSSIBLE! WE'RE CLOSED! THE TOURISTS HAVE ALL LEFT!
SKREECH
WE HAD A MASSIVE POWER FAILURE! NO POWER MEANS NO TV! AND NO TV MEANS NO GAMES! SO...
BUT THIS TEAM HAS TO GO THE DISTANCE TO ATHLETANIA!
OUR LAST FLIGHT IS JUST TAKING OFF! IT'S THAT OR NOTHING!
FINE! WE'LL CONVINCE THEM TO MAKE A DETOUR! OPEN THE GATE!
SURE, JUST AS SOON AS I FIND THE RIGHT KEY! GONNA TAKE A MINUTE, I'VE GOT 48 OF 'EM TO GO THROUGH...
THAT PLANE WON'T WAIT!

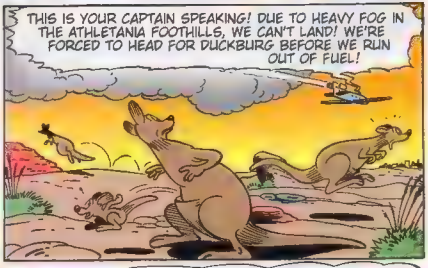

I'LL STALL THE PILOTS!
GO FOR IT, LINDA! DUCKBURG'S COUNTING ON YOU!

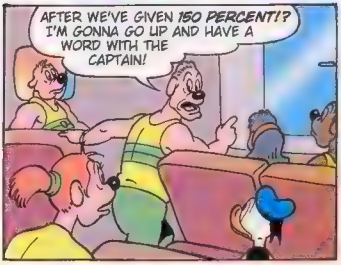

SHE'S GOT GAME!
MADE IT!
THUD

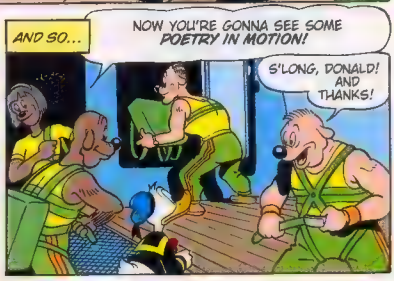

HEY, ISN'T THAT LINDA LEAP? DUCKBURG'S POLE-VAULTER?
WHADDYA KNOW...I FOUND THE KEY.
CLICK

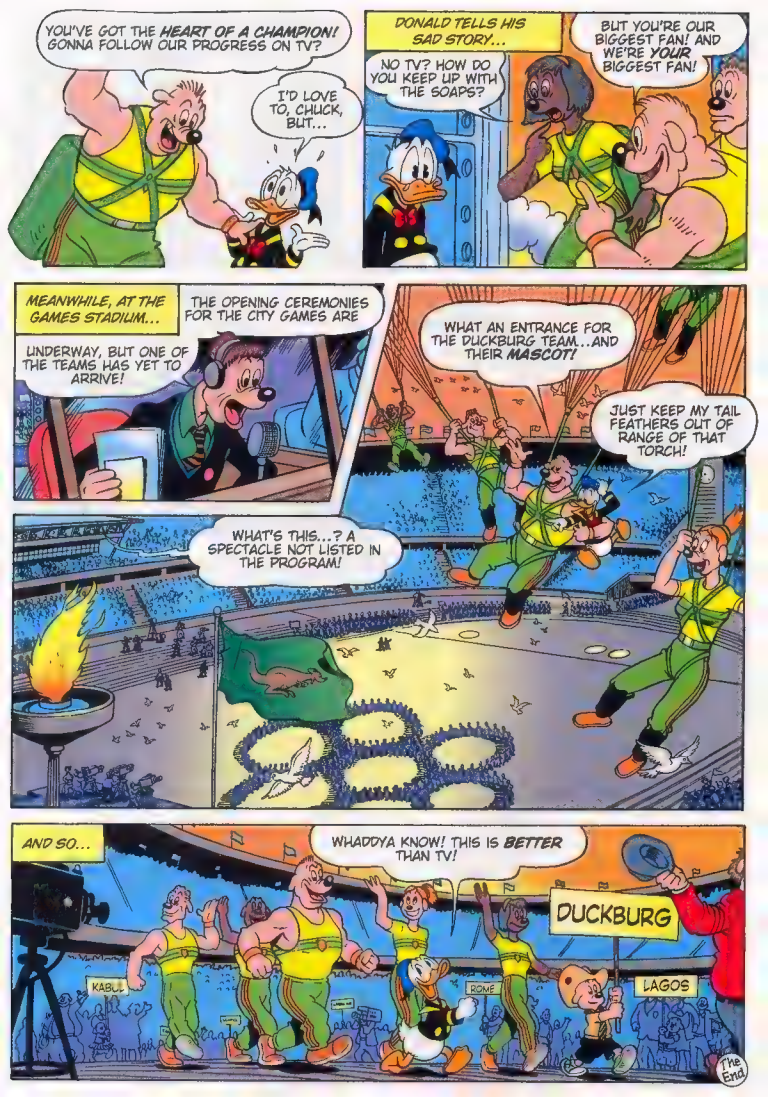

LAST ONE ONTO THE PLANE'S A ROTTEN EGG!
WE'VE GOT JUST ENOUGH FUEL TO GET YOU TO ATHLETANIA! CLIMB ABOARD!


COME TO THINK OF IT, I SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN THE BLAHAMAS! WITH NO TV RECEPTION, I'D FINALLY BE SAFE...AND BORED STIFF!


THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING! DUE TO HEAVY FOG IN THE ATHLETANIA FOOTHILLS, WE CAN'T LAND! WE'RE FORCED TO HEAD FOR DUCKBURG BEFORE WE RUN OUT OF FUEL!


AFTER WE'VE GIVEN 150 PERCENT!? I'M GONNA GO UP AND HAVE A WORD WITH THE CAPTAIN!


AND SO...
NOW YOU'RE GONNA SEE SOME POETRY IN MOTION!
S'LONG, DONALD! AND THANKS!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I'D LOVE TO, CHUCK, BUT...
DONALD TELLS HIS SAD STORY...
NO TV? HOW DO YOU KEEP UP WITH THE SOAPS?
BUT YOU'RE OUR BIGGEST FAN! AND WE'RE YOUR BIGGEST FAN!
MEANWHILE, AT THE GAMES STADIUM...
THE OPENING CEREMONIES FOR THE CITY GAMES ARE
UNDERWAY, BUT ONE OF THE TEAMS HAS YET TO ARRIVE!
WHAT AN ENTRANCE FOR THE DUCKBURG TEAM...AND THEIR MASCOT!
JUST KEEP MY TAIL FEATHERS OUT OF RANGE OF THAT TORCH!
WHAT'S THIS...? A SPECTACLE NOT LISTED IN THE PROGRAM!
AND SO...
WHADDYA KNOW! THIS IS BETTER THAN TV!
DUCKBURG
KABUL
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The End

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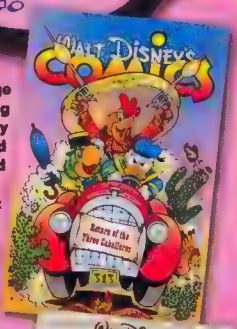

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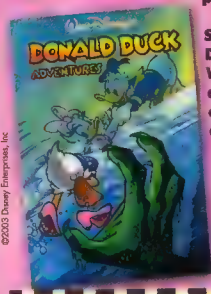

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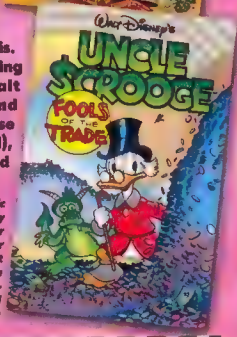

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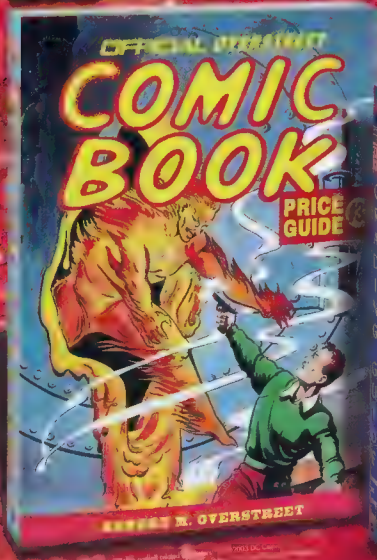

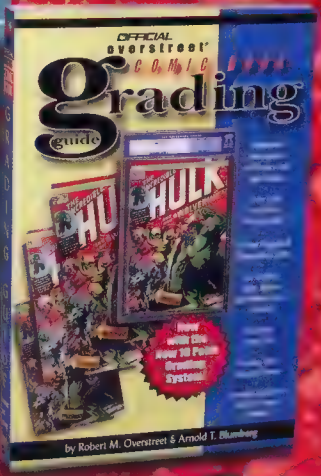

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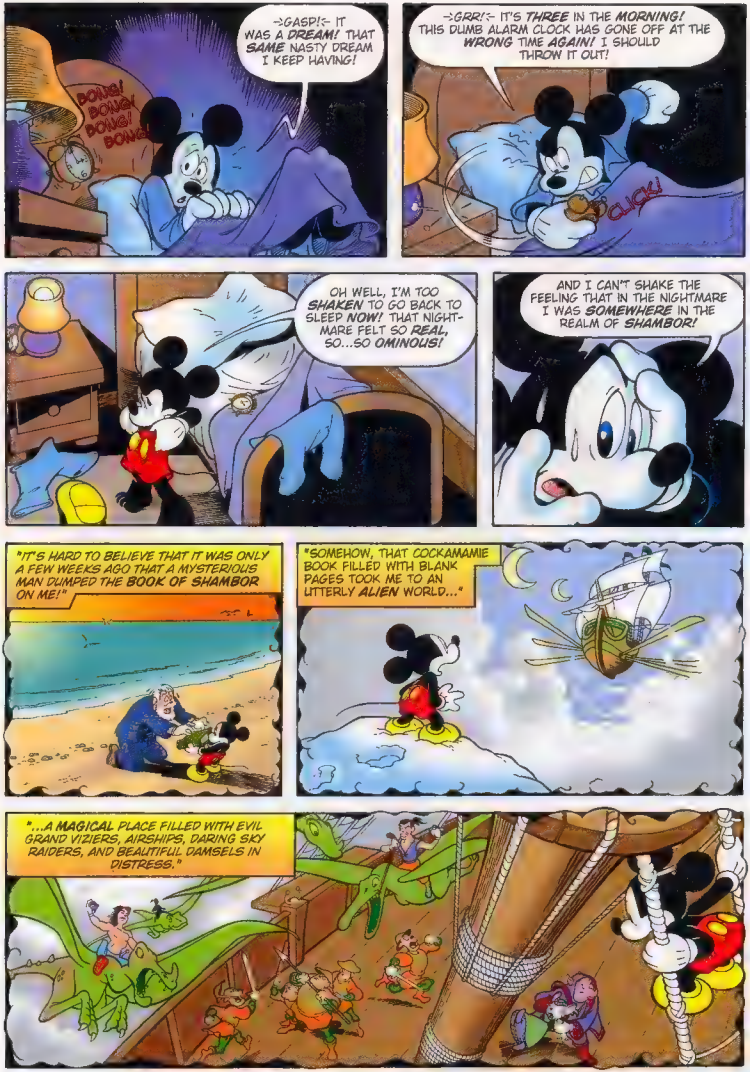
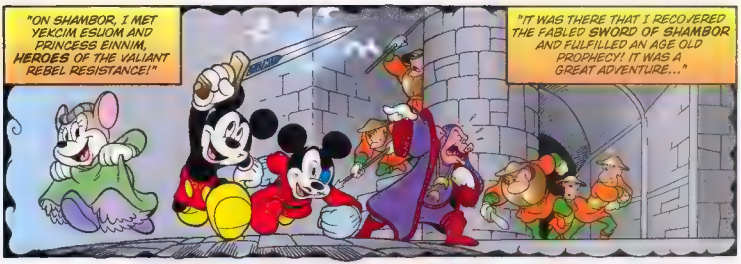
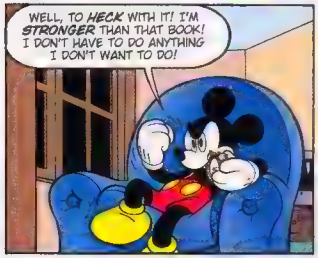
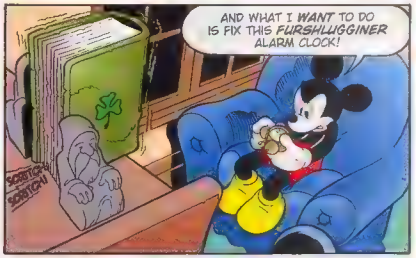

-GASP!- IT WAS A DREAM! THAT SAME NASTY DREAM I KEEP HAVING!
BONG! BONG! BONG! BONG!
-GRR!- IT'S THREE IN THE MORNING! THIS DUMB ALARM CLOCK HAS GONE OFF AT THE WRONG TIME AGAIN! I SHOULD THROW IT OUT!
CLICK!
OH WELL, I'M TOO SHAKEN TO GO BACK TO SLEEP NOW! THAT NIGHTMARE FELT SO REAL, SO...SO OMINOUS!
AND I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT IN THE NIGHTMARE I WAS SOMEWHERE IN THE REALM OF SHAMBOR!
"IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT WAS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO THAT A MYSTERIOUS MAN DUMPED THE BOOK OF SHAMBOR ON ME!"
"SOMEHOW, THAT COCKAMAMIE BOOK FILLED WITH BLANK PAGES TOOK ME TO AN LITTERLY ALIEN WORLD..."
"...A MAGICAL PLACE FILLED WITH EVIL GRAND VIZIERS, AIRSHIPS, DARING SKY RAIDERS, AND BEAUTIFUL DAMSELS IN DISTRESS."


"ON SHAMBOR, I MET YEKCIM ESLIOM AND PRINCESS EINNIM, HEROES OF THE VALIANT REBEL RESISTANCE!"
"IT WAS THERE THAT I RECOVERED THE FABLED SWORD OF SHAMBOR AND FULFILLED AN AGE OLD PROPHECY! IT WAS A GREAT ADVENTURE..."

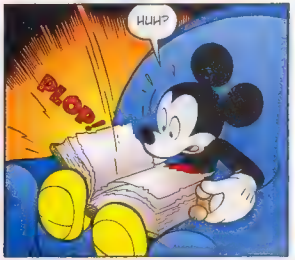
...BUT EVER SINCE, I RETURNED I'VE BEEN HAVING CREEPY DREAMS! I DON'T WANT TO GO ANYWHERE NEAR THAT BOOK...

...EVEN THOUGH IT FEELS LIKE IT'S CALLING TO ME! LIKE IT WANTS ME TO OPEN IT!

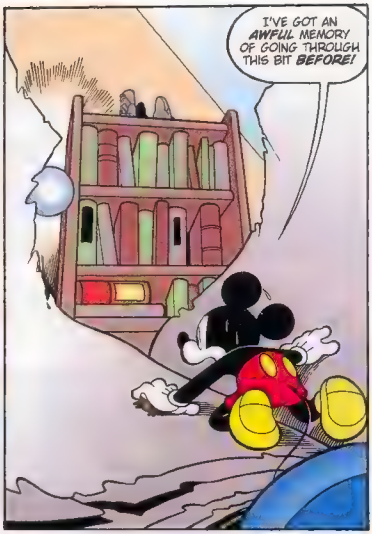

WELL, TO HECK WITH IT! I'M STRONGER THAN THAT BOOK! I DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING I DON'T WANT TO DO!


AND WHAT I WANT TO DO IS FIX THIS FURSHLUGGINER ALARM CLOCK!
SCRITCH SCRITCH

SOMETIMES IT SEEMS THAT NOTHING AROUND HERE DOES WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO DO!

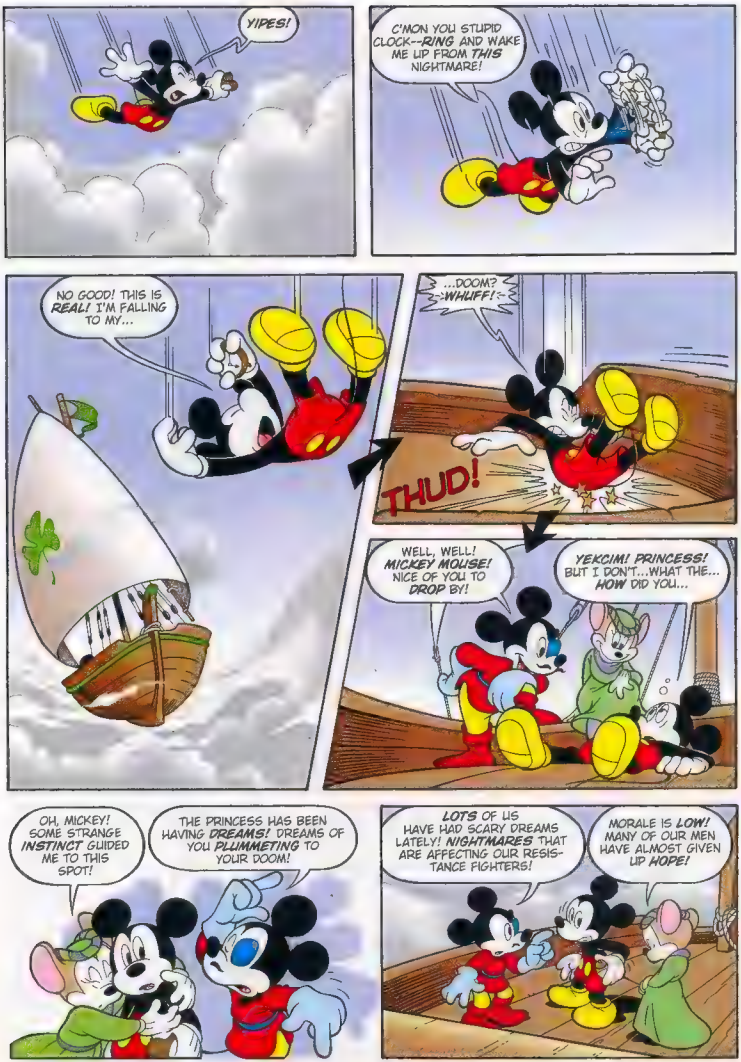

HUH?
FLOP!

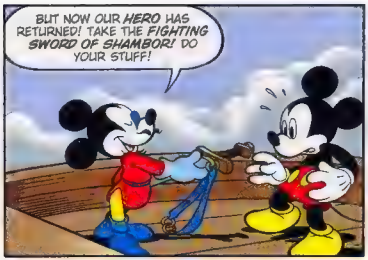
UH-OH!

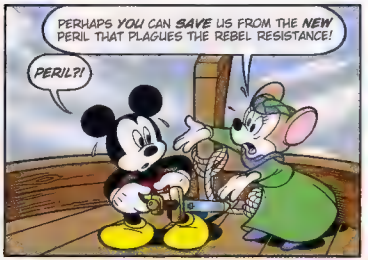

I'VE GOT AN AWFUL MEMORY OF GOING THROUGH THIS BIT BEFORE!

IT CAN ONLY MEAN THAT I'M ON MY WAY BACK TO...

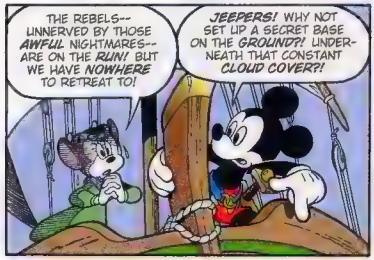
SHAMBOR!!!

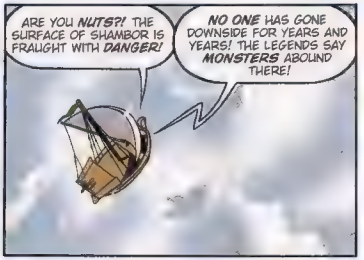

YIPES!
C'MON YOU STUPID CLOCK--RING AND WAKE ME UP FROM THIS NIGHTMARE!
NO GOOD! THIS IS REAL! I'M FALLING TO MY...
...DOOM?
:~WHLIFF!~:
THUD!
WELL, WELL! MICKEY MOUSE! NICE OF YOU TO DROP BY!
YEKCIM! PRINCESS! BUT I DON'T...WHAT THE... HOW DID YOU...
OH, MICKEY! SOME STRANGE INSTINCT GUIDED ME TO THIS SPOT!
THE PRINCESS HAS BEEN HAVING DREAMS! DREAMS OF YOU PLUMMETING TO YOUR DOOM!
LOTS OF US HAVE HAD SCARY DREAMS LATELY! NIGHTMARES THAT ARE AFFECTING OUR RESISTANCE FIGHTERS!
MORALE IS LOW! MANY OF OUR MEN HAVE ALMOST GIVEN UP HOPE!

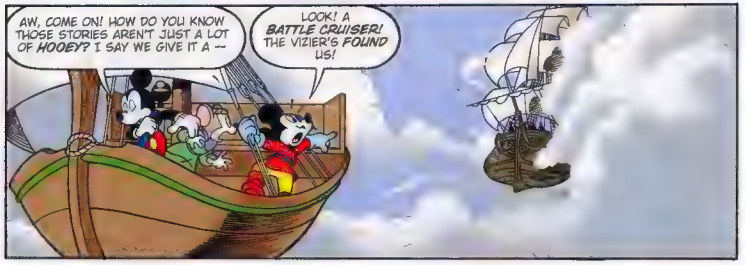

BUT NOW OUR HERO HAS RETURNED! TAKE THE FIGHTING SWORD OF SHAMBOR! DO YOUR STUFF!

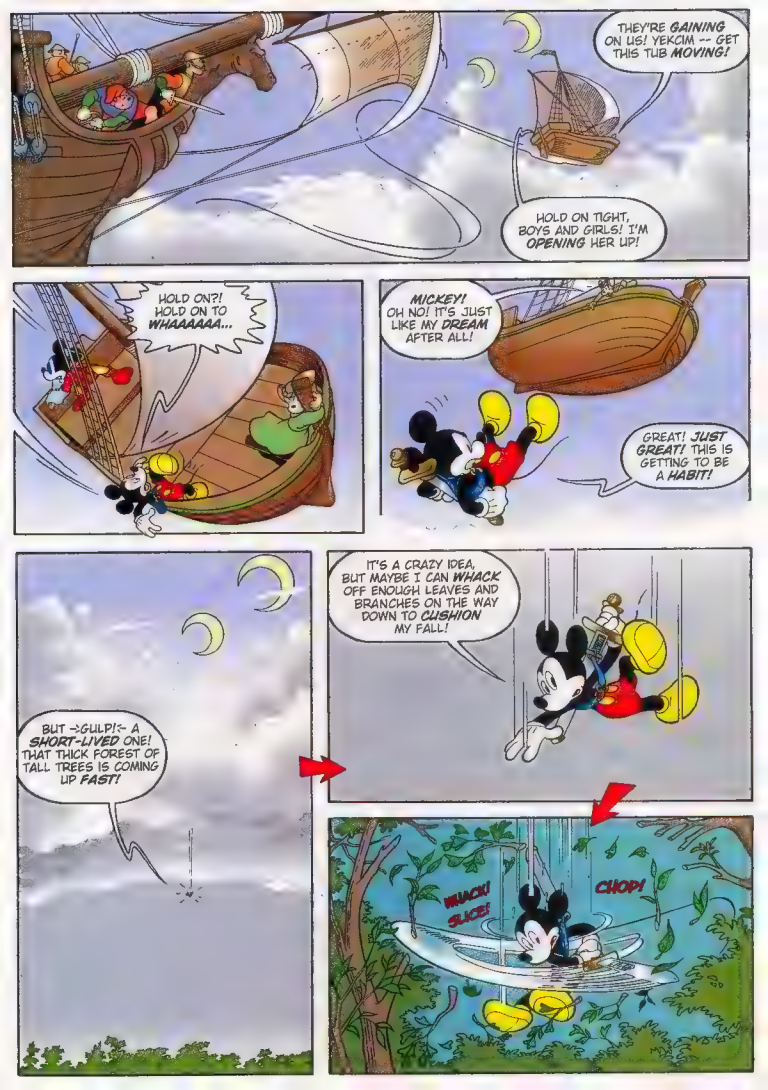

PERHAPS YOU CAN SAVE US FROM THE NEW PERIL THAT PLAGUES THE REBEL RESISTANCE!
PERIL?!

"ALAS, YES! SINCE YOUR LAST VISIT, THE EVIL GRAND VIZIER HAS BEGUN A DEADLY CAMPAIGN TO WIPE OUT EVERY ONE OF OUR MOUNTAINTOP STRONGHOLDS!"


THE REBELS--UNNERVED BY THOSE AWFUL NIGHTMARES--ARE ON THE RUN! BUT WE HAVE NOWHERE TO RETREAT TO!
JEEPERS! WHY NOT SET UP A SECRET BASE ON THE GROUND?! UNDERNEATH THAT CONSTANT CLOUD COVER?!

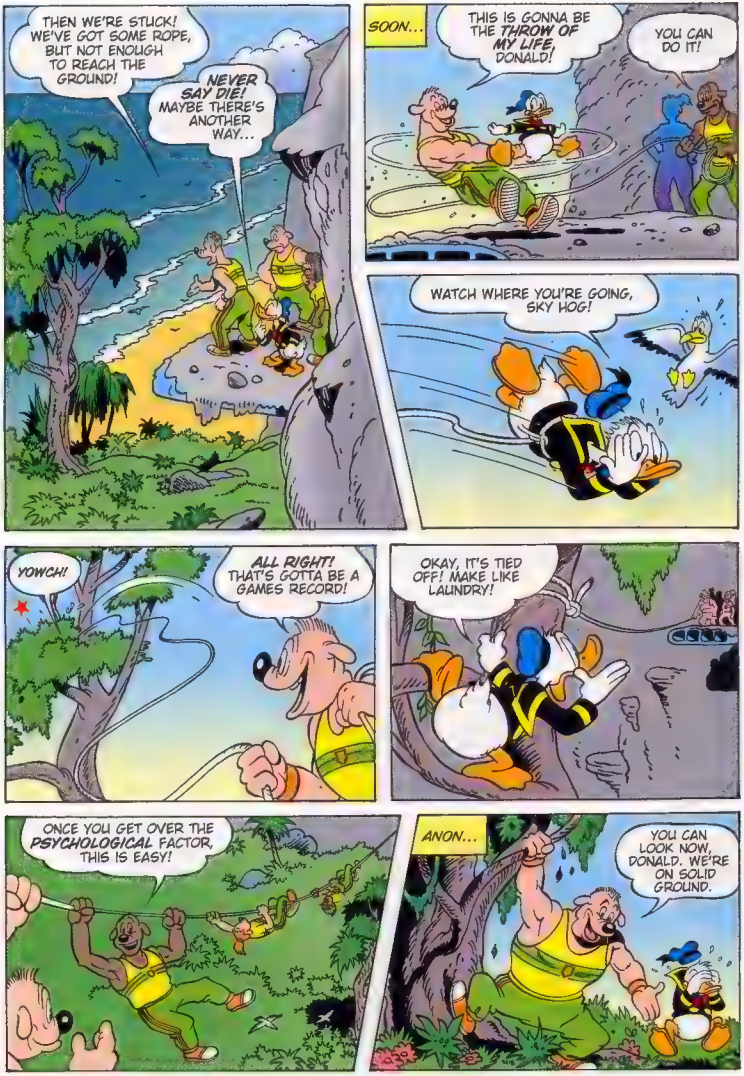

ARE YOU NUTS?! THE SURFACE OF SHAMBOR IS FRAUGHT WITH DANGER!
NO ONE HAS GONE DOWNSIDE FOR YEARS AND YEARS! THE LEGENDS SAY MONSTERS ABOUND THERE!


AW, COME ON! HOW DO YOU KNOW THOSE STORIES AREN'T JUST A LOT OF HOOEY? I SAY WE GIVE IT A --
LOOK! A BATTLE CRUISER! THE VIZIER'S FOUND US!


THEY'RE GAINING ON US! YEKCIM -- GET THIS TUB MOVING!
HOLD ON TIGHT, BOYS AND GIRLS! I'M OPENING HER UP!
HOLD ON?! HOLD ON TO WHAAAAAAA...
MICKEY! OH NO! IT'S JUST LIKE MY DREAM AFTER ALL!
GREAT! JUST GREAT! THIS IS GETTING TO BE A HABIT!
IT'S A CRAZY IDEA, BUT MAYBE I CAN WHACK OFF ENOUGH LEAVES AND BRANCHES ON THE WAY DOWN TO CUSHION MY FALL!
BUT =>GULP!<= A SHORT-LIVED ONE! THAT THICK FOREST OF TALL TREES IS COMING UP FAST!
WHACK! SLICE!
CHOP!

-:OOMPH!!:-
WHUMP!
-:WHEW!:- I DON'T BELIEVE IT! THAT CRAZY STUNT WORKED! I'M ALIVE!
YOU! I RECOGNIZE YOU!
YOU ARE NOT OF THIS REALM! YOU ARE THE OTHERWORLDER WHOSE COMING WAS FORETOLD!
HUH?! WHO ARE YOU?!
ME? WHY, I AM THE KEEPER OF THE TEMPLE OF DREAMS!
?!
THE TEMPLE OF DREAMS?
COME TO ME THERE! BUT TARRY HERE NO LONGER! THERE MAY BE DANGER IN THESE WOODS FOR A MOUSEY ONE LIKE YOU!
NOW WAKE YOURSELF UP AND COME IN HASTE!
WAKE MYSELF...?! -:GASP!:-
OMIGOSH! TH-TH-THAT'S ME! STILL UNCONSCIOUS ON THE GROUND!
I'M DREAMING ABOUT ME!
HURRY! THE DANGER IS HERE!
WAIT! DON'T JUST FADE AWAY ON ME!

I-IT'S CHUCK POUNDS, DUCKBURG'S HAMMER-THROWER! I'VE STUMBLED ONTO ANOTHER GAMES BROADCAST!
IF THIS IS HEAVEN...IS IT SAFE TO WATCH IT?
HEY, THAT FELLOW MUST'VE MOVED THAT ROCK FOR US! WE CAN GET OUT!
KRESH
MY SYMPTOMS ARE GETTING WORSE! NOW I'M SEEING THINGS!
YOU SAVED OUR LIVES, PAL! WE WERE RUNNING OUT OF AIR!
YOU'RE REAL!?
THE WHOLE DUCKBURG TEAM? IS THIS SOME KIND OF SECRET TRAINING CAMP?
THE STORM DEFEATED ME. IT WAS THE WIND, HUMIDITY, AND ALTITUDE FACTOR!
"I TOOK A TIME-OUT ON THIS NARROW LEDGE"
WHAT SKILL! JUST INCHES FROM THIS ROCK WALL!
"BUT A MUDSLIDE GOT THE BETTER OF US! AND THEN THE RADIO WENT DEAD!"
SHLUMP
SHLOOP
WE'VE GOTTA GET TO AN AIRPORT! THE OPENING CEREMONIES ARE IN 10 HOURS!
WELL, WE CAN'T GO BACK THE WAY I CAME...


THEN WE'RE STUCK! WE'VE GOT SOME ROPE, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO REACH THE GROUND!
NEVER SAY DIE! MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER WAY...
SOON...
THIS IS GONNA BE THE THROW OF MY LIFE, DONALD!
YOU CAN DO IT!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, SKY HOG!
YOWCH!
ALL RIGHT! THAT'S GOTTA BE A GAMES RECORD!
OKAY, IT'S TIED OFF! MAKE LIKE LAUNDRY!
ONCE YOU GET OVER THE PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTOR, THIS IS EASY!
ANON...
YOU CAN LOOK NOW, DONALD. WE'RE ON SOLID GROUND.

GRRROWL!
~GULP!~ THAT MUST BE THE DANGER HE WAS TALKING ABOUT!
HEY! MICKEY MOUSE! WAKE UP! YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET EATEN BY AN ALIEN MONSTER!
GRRARGH!
~OOOH!~ WHAT A WILD DREAM...SOME SCHMUCK IN A ROBE... A STRESSED RODENT SHOUTING ORDERS...A MONSTER OUT TO EAT ME...
YIKES! IT'S NO DREAM! IF I DON'T SHAKE A LEG, I'M GONNA BE THAT THING'S DINNER!
GROWL!
GOOD GOSH! HE MUST BE ONE OF THE REASONS NO ONE DARES LIVE ON THE SURFACE OF SHAMBOR!
RRRARGH!
UH-OH! THIS WAS A MISTAKE! HE'LL CATCH ME IN NO TIME OUT HERE IN THE OPEN!
GRRRRR!
NO, WAIT! THAT'S STRANGE! IT STOPPED AT THE EDGE OF THE FOREST, LIKE IT'S AFRAID TO COME OUT HERE!
SNARL!

OH, GEEZ... NOW I GET IT...
WELL, I CAN'T GO BACK TO THE FOREST, SO I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING TO DO BUT RUN FOR IT!
ALTHOUGH :-HUFF!:- WHO AM I :-PUFF!:- KIDDING?! HOW CAN I HOPE TO OUTRUN SOMETHING WITH WINGS?
CRIMINY! THIS IS JUST LIKE MY NIGHTMARE!
KRACK-A-DOOM!
IN FACT, THIS IS MY NIGHTMARE!!
SKYEEEEE!!!

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GYRO GEARLOOSE
I'VE COUNTED 6,313 SHEEP AND I STILL CAN'T GET TO SLEEP! I'LL TRY DRINKING A GLASS OF WARM MILK INSTEAD!
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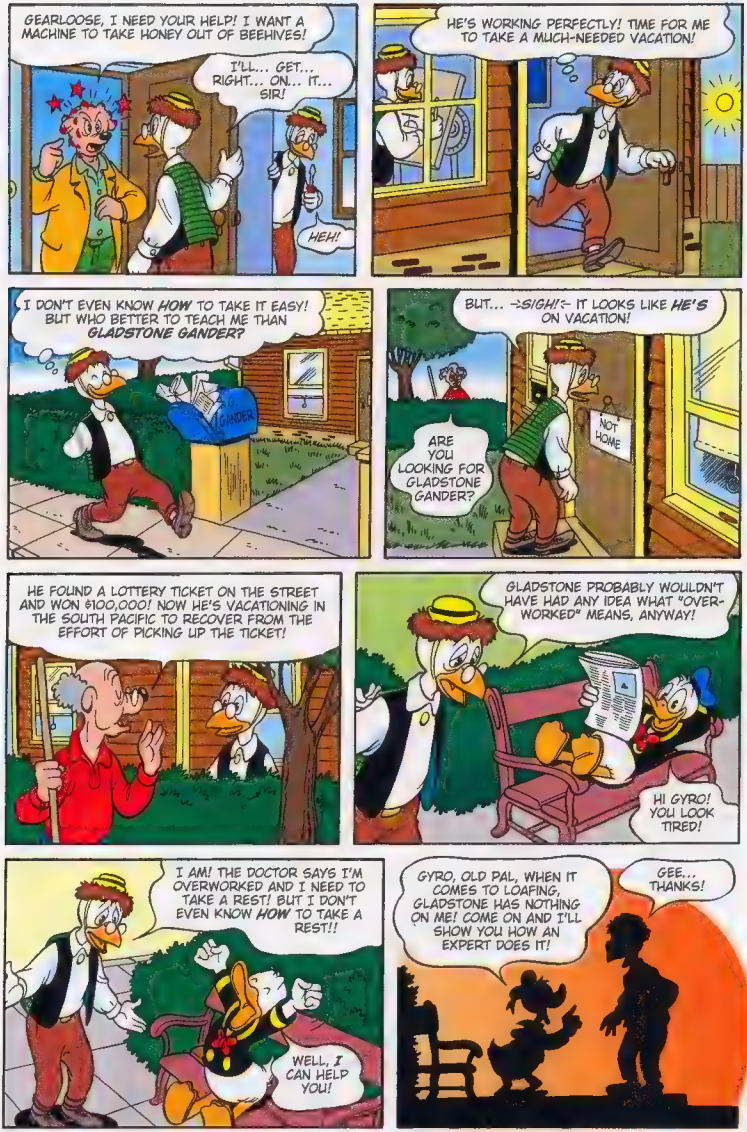
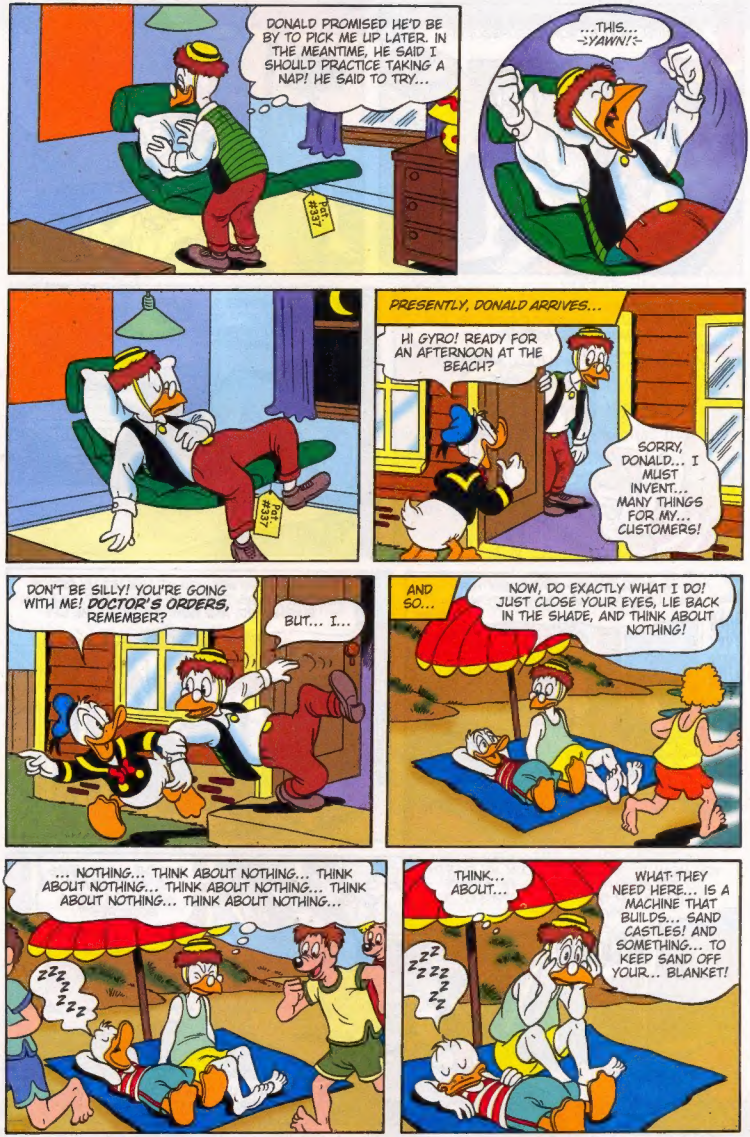
HMM... THIS IS MY FIFTH GLASS OF MILK! MAYBE I'LL TAKE A WALK!
THIS ISN'T WORKING EITHER! I'M MORE TIRED, BUT I CAN'T SLEEP!
Duckburg 37 mi.
NEXT MORNING...
OWAH TAG OO FIAM
WELL, MR. GEARLOOSE, I THINK YOU'RE OVERWORKED! YOU SHOULD GET MORE REST!
BUT...
HOW CAN I REST WHEN I CAN'T SLEEP? I KEEP THINKING OF ALL MY PROJECTS...
WELL, THAT'S MY ADVICE! WHY DON'T YOU GET YOURSELF A LITTLE HELPER?
I HAVE MORE WORK THAN MY HELPER CAN HANDLE FOR ME... BUT, I CAN MAKE A BIGGER HELPER!
DONE! A NEW HELPER! AND QUITE A HANDSOME CHAP, AT THAT!
HMM... I WONDER WHO THAT COULD BE?
NOK!
NOK!


GEARLOOSE, I NEED YOUR HELP! I WANT A MACHINE TO TAKE HONEY OUT OF BEEHIVES!
I'LL... GET... RIGHT... ON... IT... SIR!
HEH!
HE'S WORKING PERFECTLY! TIME FOR ME TO TAKE A MUCH-NEEDED VACATION!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO TAKE IT EASY! BUT WHO BETTER TO TEACH ME THAN GLADSTONE GANDER?
GANDER
BUT... -SIGH!- IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S ON VACATION!
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR GLADSTONE GANDER?
NOT HOME
HE FOUND A LOTTERY TICKET ON THE STREET AND WON $100,000! NOW HE'S VACATIONING IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC TO RECOVER FROM THE EFFORT OF PICKING UP THE TICKET!
GLADSTONE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ANY IDEA WHAT "OVER-WORKED" MEANS, ANYWAY!
HI GYRO! YOU LOOK TIRED!
I AM! THE DOCTOR SAYS I'M OVERWORKED AND I NEED TO TAKE A REST! BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO TAKE A REST!!
WELL, I CAN HELP YOU!
GYRO, OLD PAL, WHEN IT COMES TO LOAFING, GLADSTONE HAS NOTHING ON ME! COME ON AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW AN EXPERT DOES IT!
GEE... THANKS!


DONALD PROMISED HE'D BE BY TO PICK ME UP LATER. IN THE MEANTIME, HE SAID I SHOULD PRACTICE TAKING A NAP! HE SAID TO TRY...
...THIS... -YAWN!-
PRESENTLY, DONALD ARRIVES...
HI GYRO! READY FOR AN AFTERNOON AT THE BEACH?
SORRY, DONALD... I MUST INVENT... MANY THINGS FOR MY... CUSTOMERS!
DON'T BE SILLY! YOU'RE GOING WITH ME! DOCTOR'S ORDERS, REMEMBER?
BUT... I...
AND SO...
NOW, DO EXACTLY WHAT I DO! JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES, LIE BACK IN THE SHADE, AND THINK ABOUT NOTHING!
... NOTHING... THINK ABOUT NOTHING... THINK ABOUT NOTHING... THINK ABOUT NOTHING... THINK ABOUT NOTHING... THINK ABOUT NOTHING...
THINK... ABOUT...
WHAT THEY NEED HERE... IS A MACHINE THAT BUILDS... SAND CASTLES! AND SOMETHING... TO KEEP SAND OFF YOUR... BLANKET!

PLAYING VOLLEYBALL WOULD BE MORE FUN WITH AN ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD...
AND FLYING KITES WOULD BE EASIER WITH A REMOTE-CONTROLLED GUIDANCE SYSTEM!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?!! CAN'T YOU STOP FOR A MINUTE? I GIVE UP! I'M TAKING YOU HOME!
I'LL NEVER GO TO THE BEACH WITH YOU AGAIN! YOU'VE RUINED MY WHOLE DAY!
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO RELAX! NOT COME UP WITH A MILLION INVENTIONS!
HM?
DONALD! WHY ARE YOU YELLING AT MY ROBOT HELPER? I WAS TRYING TO TAKE A NAP, LIKE YOU SUGGESTED, AND NOW YOU WOKE ME UP!
ANOTHER GYRO!
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME YOU TOOK MY ROBOT TO THE BEACH? =HA! HA!= HE WASN'T DESIGNED FOR THAT! HE'S SUPPOSED TO INVENT THINGS!
INVENTIONS
BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS, YOUR ADVICE WORKED! I HAD A GOOD REST!
I GIVE UP! LIFE IS JUST TOO COMPLICATED WITH GYRO!

"What would the citizens think of a mayor whose idea of fun is dressing up as Count Dracula?"—Duckburg's cape clad, fang-fitted Mayor, from *Donald Duck and Friends* 308.

Given the modern standards of behavior of some of our politicos, I probably wouldn't bat a jaundiced eye. That said, this issue's "The Mysterious Monster Club" was the perfect Halloween treat. Nicely drawn, snappy dialogue, and even a "trick" for Donald at the end. Everything such a story should be.

Also inside the "goody-bag" are additional bite-size treats by Noel Van Horn and Fred Milton. But the biggest treat for me? A William Van Horn cover, continuing the original numbering of the traditional *Donald Duck* comic book series!

The greeting at Halloween may be "Boo!" but you've earned nothing but cheers for your fine efforts.

Joe Torcivia
via email

Thanks for your comments, Joe. Without your contributions, our letters pages would be bleak, indeed.

Yes, even though we tagged "and Friends" onto both our Donald Duck and our Mickey Mouse titles, we chose to continue the numbering system established by Western Publishing those many years ago. I guess we're too steeped in tradition to have it any other way, despite the modern tendency of publishers to renumber their books with #1 every so often. Glad you appreciate it.

I have meant to write this letter for months. Reading the new *Donald Duck and Friends* finally gave me the impetus. It is so nice to see Disney comics back in the United States. I have been impressed with what I have seen so far. I know that there will be complaints by some over what you're printing or not printing; at this point, I do not care. I can read stories about ducks in English again. Life is good.

I will specifically single out Geoffrey Blum's plans to bring Scrooge & Co. into the 21st century. *Hallelujah!* While I think Don Rosa is the most gifted artist of this era who has more than earned the right to do whatever he wants, freezing Duckburg in the 1950s is not the way to attract new readers. Intelligent, well characterized stories set in the present are.

So, in conclusion, thank you, thank you, thank you and God Bless Duckburg.

Carl Lund
via email

Rosa, whose stories can most often be found in our prestige-format comic title ***Uncle Scrooge****, has few equals in penning clever and witty stories, even though he does keep his storylines set in the 1950s. Other than Rosa, however, most writers, including Blum and William Van Horn, tend to keep the characters updated. One exception to this would be Daan Jippes' redrawings of Carl Barks' 1970s Woodchucks tales. Look for Van Horn and Jippes primarily in* ***Walt Disney's Comics and Stories****.*

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